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Classified By: Amb Alejandro Wolff for reasons 1. 4 (b) and (d).

- 11. (C) UN SYG Ban phoned Amb Khalilzad August 28 to report that he had received agrement from GOS President Bashir to appoint Ashraf Qazi as SRSG for the UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS). This decision frees Ban to announce the appointment of Staffan di Mistura as SRSG for the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), replacing Qazi. Ban said he expected to make the public announcement of these two appointments on August 29.
- 12. (C) UN Under Secretary-General for Political Affairs Lynn Pascoe informed Amb Wolff August 24 that the UN will keep deputy SRSG for political affairs Michael Schulenburg in place in Iraq. Pascoe also confirmed the appointment of New Zealand national David Shearer to fill the vacant slot of deputy SRSG for humanitarian, reconstruction and development affairs. Shearer had formerly served as the highly regarded head of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Jerusalem. Pascoe said that the UN will consult with di Mistura on the U.S. proposal to appoint a third deputy SRSG for regional affairs. WOLFF